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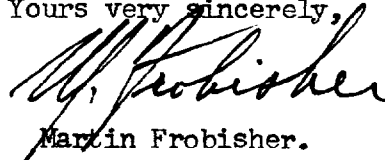
Dear Dr. Lederberg,

I am much pleased to have the reprints of your recent articles on bacterial genetics and transduction. They are of great interest to me and recall the work I did on transmission of toxigenicity of scarlet-fever streptococci to some beta-type streptococci isolated from cream cheese (probably group D) which were not toxigenic and presumably harmless. We suspected, back in those benighted days, that we had transferred a scarlet fever virus. It probably was r.n.a. or something of the same nature; quite suggestive of the transformation of avirulent diphtheria bacilli which we now bring about with 'phage. Perhaps we were unwittingly dealing with lysogenic strains of streptococci.

Regarding your account of the "Method for isolating individual microorganisms", I should certainly offer it for publication. It sounds very good and practical and, in these days of genetic studies, should be warmly welcomed by many.

With cordial regards,

Yours very sincerely,



Martin Frobisher.